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SENATE BILL 530

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; CREATING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW
STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

CREATED. --The "state employee health care task force" is
created.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES--

COMPENSATION. --

A. The state employee health care task force shall
be composed of eleven members.

B. Members of the task force shall be appointed as
follows:

(1) two members of the house of

representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of

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1 representatives;

2 (2) one member of the house of representatives
3 appointed by the minority leader of the house of
4 representatives;

5 (3) two members of the senate appointed by the
6 president pro tempore of the senate;

7 (4) one member of the senate appointed by the
8 minority leader of the senate;

9 (5) one member of the governor's staff
10 appointed by the governor;

11 (6) one member of the business community
12 appointed by the governor;

13 (7) two state employees who are covered
14 pursuant to the Personnel Act, appointed by the governor; and

15 (8) one employee who is exempt from the
16 Personnel Act, appointed by the governor.

17 C. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by
18 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

19 D. The speaker of the house of representatives and
20 the president pro tempore of the senate shall each designate
21 one co-chairman of the task force.

22 E. The members of the task force shall be paid
23 pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no
24 other perquisite, compensation or allowance.

25 Section 3. DUTIES. --

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1 A. After its appointment, the state employee health
2 care task force shall hold one organizational meeting to
3 develop a work plan.

4 B. The task force shall hold monthly meetings.

5 C. The task force shall examine the statutes,
6 constitutional provisions, rules and court decisions governing
7 health care coverage for state employees in New Mexico and
8 shall recommend legislation or changes, if any are found, to
9 the legislature.

10 D. The task force shall examine what other states
11 have done to:

12 (1) provide appropriate health care coverage
13 for their employees;

14 (2) offer options, including varying levels of
15 coverage;

16 (3) determine state and employee contributions
17 based on the employee's income;

18 (4) offer incentives for wellness programs or
19 initiatives; and

20 (5) control the costs of health care.

21 Section 4. REPORT.--The state employee health care task
22 force shall make a report of its findings and recommendations
23 for the consideration of the legislative health and human
24 services committee and the legislative finance committee by
25 November 1, 2004.

